



Ferry County Natural Resource Board

350 East Delaware
February 13, 2000

P.O. Box 115

Republic, WA 99166

Federal Caucus Comment Record
C/o BPA-PL
707 W. Main St., Suite 500
Spokane, WA 99201

Re: All-H Papers

Gentlemen,

One thing you may want to put into your computers that are estimating the recovery of salmon by breaching the dams in any shape is:

- How long will the sediment from the reservoirs be in the water? Salmon and all fish that are now in the system are clean water fish. If the rivers are muddy from the silt released the returning salmon and steelhead will be unable to locate the rivers and will die at the mouth of the Columbia.

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In my opinion, silt will be washed from this riverbed of 140 miles for at least 10 years. I lived on a river in Oregon that was dredged for gold. The river did not return to clear water for many, many years after dredging was discontinued. Even now when it rains, heavy snowmelt, high water the river is muddy.

Another thing you may want to put into your computer:

- What will be the result of this silt deposit on the ocean? How much mud will be deposited at the mouth of the Columbia?

No where in the information I have read do you consider these questions? If you are really trying to preserve the salmon, **this is a major issue!**

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What about the pools that are in the bottom of the reservoirs?

- How do you plan to capture the trapped fish in these pools when the water is gone? A reservoir does not have a level bottom. The water will not drain into a natural channel. The reservoirs were created covering the existing land, which included valleys, hills, rocks etc. Take a fish finder out on a boat and check the depth yourselves. You will see there will be many places that fish will be trapped.

I ask you to consider these questions seriously. Let's save the salmon and not destroy them completely.

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Also, there is increasingly scientific evidence that the temperature of the ocean is the main reason for the decline in our fishing stocks. This temperature is a natural phenomenon of nature. The cycle repeats itself every 25 to 30 years. **Use this science to regulate the hatchery output and the harvest allowed.** Taking out the dams is not the answer. We will completely destroy all fish that are dependent on clean water for survival.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sharon Shumate".

Sharon Shumate
Chairman
Ferry County Natural Resource Board